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Chairman Bob Stump  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

On behalf of Arizona State University, I am writing in support of the proposed Ocotillo Power Plant modernization proposed by Arizona Public Service (APS), which is adjacent to the University's main campus. ASU is pleased with the prospect of a renewed plant that will generate cleaner energy for our area, as well as create additional environmental and economic benefits.

The existing steam generators at Ocotillo have powered the growth of ASU and Tempe through the decades, but the University's long-term vision for the area has changed dramatically. ASU is planning a unique, mixed-use development bordering the plant to the north and west that will demonstrate the future of creative urban design and sustainable development, with multi-family residential, office and retail space, plus world-class athletic facilities. We are currently discussing modifications to existing setback and use deed restrictions with APS that will further enhance the positive impacts of this development.

We anticipate the Ocotillo project will benefit the development by replacing the existing generators with lower-profile units, which will significantly reduce the plant's visibility in the area, making it more aesthetically pleasing. Adding more modern, reliable technology also will support growth along Tempe Town Lake and in our master-planned development.

We have had tremendous success in collaborating with APS on energy initiatives, such as the highly visible Power Parasol solar projects on the Tempe Campus. This project is a significant step toward generating cleaner, more efficient energy for our campus and surrounding communities, which supports the University's goal of carbon neutrality.

Modernization of the Ocotillo power plant will benefit the University, our neighbors and Arizona in creating a sustainable energy future.

Sincerely,

Morgan R. Olsen  
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

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